

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA
DOCKET NO. 1996-217-C - ORDER NO. 2005-138
MARCH 24, 2005

IN RE: Application of Transcommunications, Inc. for a) ORDER CANCELLING
Certificate of Public Convenience and) CERTIFICATE OF
Necessity to Operate as a Reseller of) AUTHORITY AND
Interexchange Telecommunications Services) TARIFF
within the State of South Carolina.)

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (“Commission”) on the request of Transcommunications, Inc. (“Transcommunications” or the “Company”) to cancel its Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (“Certificate”) to provide resold intrastate interexchange telecommunications services in the State of South Carolina. A review of the docket file reveals that Transcommunications’s authority to operate as a reseller of intrastate interexchange telecommunications services in South Carolina was granted by Order No. 97-30, dated January 9, 1997.

By letter filed March 15, 2005, Transcommunications, through the Company’s regulatory consultants, informs the Commission that Transcommunications intends to discontinue the Company’s provision of prepaid, interexchange telecommunications services in South Carolina, effective May 1, 2005, and therefore, respectfully requests the cancellation of the Company’s certification/operating authority and tariff.

According to Transcommunications, the Company provided a discretionary prepaid calling card service that supplemented, but did not replace, conventional

presubscribed, post-paid telecommunications services. Transcommunications states that Company's services have been provided to a very limited, targeted segment of telecommunications users in the transportation industry. The Company, according to Transcommunications, does not serve residential subscribers.

In anticipation of the Company's discontinuance of service, Transcommunications advises that the Company ceased making new prepaid calling cards available on November 8, 2004 and that the Company has allowed existing users to deplete their prepaid calling card accounts through normal usage. Transcommunications adds that users were informed that the service remains available through the shorter of account depletion or one year activation anniversary at the time of purchase of account activation. Transcommunications asserts that no further written notice is practical or possible since the prepaid calling card services the Company provided is limited in duration and that user identity is unknown. According to Transcommunications, the Company has entered into a management agreement with Innovative Processing Solutions, LLC ("IPS") to continue the provision of service to the limited customer accounts that may remain active. Under this agreement, Transcommunications states that IPS assumes responsibility for honoring outstanding service commitments to remaining users and underlying carriers after Transcommunications ceases to provide service.

As Transcommunications will no longer provide the services for which its Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity was granted, the Commission finds and concludes that Transcommunications's Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity

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